

Please amend the Claims 2, 7, and 9-10 as follows:

2. (Thrice Amended) A filter for use in a water heating vessel according to Claim 14, wherein the scale collector is supported by a carrier member on a frame of the filter.

7. (Thrice Amended) A ~~filter~~ for use in a water heating vessel according to Claim 14, wherein the <sup>second mesh material</sup> [scale collector] comprises a compacted mesh block.

9. (Thrice Amended) A filter for use in a water heating vessel according to Claim 14, wherein the scale collector is carried on the structure towards an end thereof which in use in a water heating vessel is closest to the bottom of the vessel.

10. (Thrice Amended) A water heating vessel including a filter structure according to Claim 14 removably mounted within the vessel and extending over a water outlet of the vessel.